

Senate Resolution 564

By: Senators Stephens of the 27th and Brown of the 26th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and congratulating the staff of Lawmakers on their 35th season; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in 1971, Georgia Public Television began Lawmakers, a live nightly broadcast
4 produced during the legislative session of the Georgia General Assembly that provides
5 in-depth coverage of events and up-to-date information of the issues affecting Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Lawmakers has covered events under the Gold Dome through the
7 administrations of six Georgia governors and is the longest-running television program of
8 its type in public broadcasting history, receiving numerous prestigious broadcast awards such
9 as the Telly Award, the Green Eyeshade Award, and the Gabby Award; and

10 WHEREAS, since 1977, the program has provided unique opportunities and valuable
11 hands-on experience, including reporting, running cameras, tape editing, and floor directing,
12 to some 300 student interns from Georgia's colleges and universities; and

13 WHEREAS, the show's team includes managing editor Gerald Bryant, senior correspondent
14 Nwandi Lawson, producer Ashlie Wilson, correspondent David Zelski, chief editor John
15 Matheos, reporters Jesse Freeman and Chrissy Thrasher, videographer Wesley Nichols,
16 producer/director Clem McIntosh, the versatile David Patterson, and the late Chuck Baker,
17 who was instrumental in designing their broadcast home in the Capitol Education Center; and

18 WHEREAS, as 2005 marks the 35th season that this distinguished program has been
19 providing quality comprehensive coverage of the Georgia legislative session, it is only fitting
20 that its years of broadcast excellence be appropriately recognized on this grand occasion.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 join in commending the dedicated staff of Georgia Public Television's Lawmakers for their
23 service to the citizens of the State of Georgia and congratulating them on their 35th season.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 2 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the staff of Georgia Public Television's
- 3 Lawmakers.